

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Mr. Mark G. Thessin
Vice President – Rates and Regulatory Affairs
United Cities Gas Company
810 Crescent Center Drive
Suite 600
Franklin, TN 37067-6226

Re: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Universal Shelf
Registration

Docket No. 99-00990

Dear Mr. Thessin:

The Authority staff has reviewed the above-referenced petition, in which Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) seeks Authority approval to issue its five hundred million dollars universal shelf registration for debt and equity financing to be utilized by Atmos over the next two years. As noted in the petition, Atmos has authority for gas distribution, transmission and transportation service to several states, including Tennessee. Based on Tennessee Attorney General Opinion No. 99-119, the Authority staff finds that because Atmos has multistate operations, Authority approval for this issuance is not required.

Thank you for informing the Authority of this matter. Please address any other questions to Rosie Gregory at (615) 741-2904 ext. 156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. David Waddell".

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary

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